

2024-2025 Section 33 K-5 Visual Arts and Music Programs

I. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

[Section 33 of Public Act 120](#) provides funding in the amount of \$8,425,329 for districts to provide visual arts and music programs for schools that serve students in grades K-5 and that currently do not have a quality visual arts or music program. Districts may apply for funds to be used for starting or maintaining a visual arts or music program for schools with students in kindergarten up through grade 5.

Grant funding is based on the following requirements to be considered an eligible recipient for an allocation:

- Applies for funding in a form and manner prescribed by the department.
- Provide for all pupils in grades K to 5 at least 60 minutes per week of instruction in visual arts or music, taught by a certificated teacher with a JX, JQ, LQ, LX or LZ endorsement issued by the department.
- Maintain staffing that includes at least 1 certificated teacher with a JX, JQ, LQ, LX or LZ endorsement issued by the department for every 400 pupils enrolled in grades K to 5.
- Adopt and implement specific curricula for visual arts or music.
- Maintain in each elementary school at least 1 space that is designated for visual arts or music instruction and that allows for effective implementation of the visual arts or music curriculum, with consideration given to the physical materials and tools needed for music instruction.
- Establish and maintain a separate dedicated budget for visual arts or music instruction in grades K to 5.
- Participate in data collection in the fall and spring of the 2024-2025 school year on changes in course offerings, instructor qualifications, student course enrollments, and other aspects of the district's music or visual arts programs as determined by the department and MI Creative Potential.
- Commit to including music or visual arts in district and school continuous improvement planning using the [program review tool](#) that accompanies the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education, available in the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process database.
- Agrees to adopt and implement a plan to satisfy the recommendations listed in the [Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education Program](#).

The Michigan Department of Education is soliciting proposals that include the above requirements. Allocation amounts will be determined based on the number of competitive applications and their proposed budgets.

II. Application Criteria

1. Grant Funds Available

- \$8,425,329

2. Eligible Participants

- Eligible applicants are Michigan districts with a school(s) that serve students in any or all grades K-5 and do not have a visual arts or music program, schools that do have a visual arts or music education program for grades K to 5, but does not meet the recommendations listed in the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education program or schools that do have a visual arts education program for grades K to 5 that meets the criteria and meets the recommendations listed in the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education program and would like to maintain the program.

3. Targeted Activities

- Adoption and delivery of a visual arts or music curriculum to K-5 students in a school that does not already have a music program or wants to maintain a program.
- A schedule that provides sixty minutes per week of visual arts or music instruction provided by a teacher with a JX, JQ, LQ, LX or LZ endorsement.
- A designated space for visual arts or music instruction.
- A dedicated budget for K-5 visual arts or music instruction must be created and maintained. Budget can include teacher salary, music curriculum purchase, instrument purchase and repair, music technology and software, recording equipment, sheet music and other applicable costs.
- Participation in data collection in the fall and spring of the 2024-2025 school year on changes in course offerings, instructor qualifications, student course enrollments, and other aspects of the district's music or visual arts programs as determined by the department and MI Creative Potential.
- Commitment to including music or visual arts in district and school continuous improvement planning using the program review tool that accompanies the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education, available in the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process database.
- Agreement to adopt and implement a plan to satisfy the recommendations listed in the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education program.

III. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each grant application must include all of the following:

- A completed application template uploaded into NexSys.

- A schedule showing 60 minutes of visual arts or music instruction per week for K-5 students in the building_uploaded into NexSys.
- A detailed budget that links to the activities, resources, and personnel uploaded into NexSys.
- Applications will be due November 21, 2024.

IV. Selection Process

The review and scoring of each application will be based on criteria outlined in the scoring rubric/checklist. An expert review panel will be sure that all grant requirements are met and the budget is reasonable and aligns with the submitted template. Grant applications are due November 21, 2024. Awardees will be announced by February 1, 2025 and will receive their funds in the February state aid payment.

V. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (optional)

There will be a series of informational webinars hosted by MDE for applicants interested in applying for this grant. Dates and times will be posted on the grant webpage.

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding the grant application process, contact the Michigan Department of Education: Mary Head, 517-896-3908, headm1@michigan.gov

[MI Creative Potential](#) & [Michigan Arts Education Instruction & Assessment](#): Heather Vaughan-Southard, 517-449-9068 or heathervs@michiganassessmentconsortium.org.

VII. Arts Partners

[Michigan Department of Education Grant: Section \(33\) | MAEIA - Michigan Arts Education Instruction & Assessment \(maeia-artsednetwork.org\)](#)

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/academic-standards/section-33-k-5-music-programs>